



Pennsylvania's Proposed Home and Community-Based Services Transition Plan – Your Comments

Background And Important Dates

- CMS published the final rule amending regulations contained in 42 CFR 441.301 on January 16, 2014.
- The rule supports enhanced quality in Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) programs and adds protections for individuals receiving services.
- In addition, this rule reflects CMS' intent to ensure that individuals receiving services and supports through Medicaid's HCBS programs have full access to the benefits of community living and are able to receive services in the most integrated setting.
- Person-centered planning requirements are not part of the proposed transition plan.
- The regulations were effective March 17, 2014.

Background And Important Dates

- Public comment period from February 21, 2015 – March 22, 2015
- The Department of Human Services must submit a statewide transition plan to CMS for all ten 1915 (c) waivers.
 - Adult Autism Waiver (AAW)
 - AIDS
 - Aging
 - Attendant care
 - COMMCARE
 - Consolidated
 - Independence
 - Infant, Toddlers and Families
 - OBRA
 - Person/Family-Directed Support (P/FDS)

What Is The Transition Plan

- The transition plan is the document that details how the state will come into compliance with the regulatory requirements for home and community-based settings
- Waiver specific transition plans are separate from the statewide plan, but action items and time frames have been aligned with the statewide plan to form a comprehensive outline of how the state intends to comply with the HCBS Final Rule.
- It is CMS' expectation that states be fully compliant with the Federal requirements by the time frames approved in their transition plan, but no later than March 17, 2019.

Purpose For Meeting Today

- To solicit public comment on the proposed statewide transition plan
- Note: Prior comments received from the earlier statewide plan process and program office individual waiver transition plan process have been incorporated into the current statewide plan.
- Comments received today will be used to further formulate Pennsylvania's Final Statewide Transition Plan that will be submitted to CMS.

▶ Today's Public Input Process

- Individuals registered
- 5 minute limit
- Questions
- Other input

Next Steps

After the Public Comment Period, DHS will:

- Consider the public comment received and modify the statewide transition plan as needed
- Submit to CMS the final transition plan along with a summary of the comments received, any modifications to the transition plan based upon those comments, and reasons why comments may not have been adopted
- Post the summary and final transition plan on the DHS website
- Determine the best way to have ongoing dialogue with stakeholders regarding the implementation of the transition plan and progress made

Resources

- CMS information resources can be found at:
 - <http://www.medicaid.gov/Medicaid-CHIP-Program-Information/By-Topics/Long-Term-Services-and-Supports/Home-and-Community-Based-Services/Home-and-Community-Based-Services.html>
 - <http://hcbsadvocacy.org/>
- PA DHS information resources can be found at:
 - <http://www.dhs.state.pa.us/dhsorganization/officeoflongtermliving/hcbswaiver/index.htm>
- Submitting written comments and feedback:
 - email at ra-pwhcbsfinalrulepl@pa.gov
 - U.S. mail at David Alexander, Department of Human Services, Office of The Secretary, P.O. Box 2675, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2675, using the subject header “TP Final Rule.”